

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 3, 2003**

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, March 3, 2003 at 10:00 A.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President KD Benson, Vice President Ruth E. Shedd, and Member John L. Knochel; Auditor Robert A. Plantenga, Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston, County Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr.

President Benson called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2003 Regular Meeting as distributed, seconded by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Commissioners' Assistant Weston recommended approval of the Accounts Payable Vouchers for the periods ending February 21, 2003, February 28, 2003, and March 3, 2003 in the amount of 939,737.67 as submitted with the possible exception of 003493 for reimbursement of \$8.50 to Building Commission employee Judy Bice for cups, plates, napkins, etc.

Auditor Plantenga explained he took his name off the recommendation for approval because he didn't feel supplies for a meeting to benefit office employees was an appropriate expense. President Benson clarified that the meeting included officials from surrounding counties, cities, and towns. Commissioner Knochel said he thought the expense should be paid. President Benson asked Auditor Plantenga for the State Board of Accounts' opinion. He responded that in a prior instance they ruled that cost for food items is reimbursable only if no county employee benefited. President Benson said she is satisfied this is a legitimate expense and is comfortable approving it.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Accounts Payable Vouchers as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

NEW DIRECTIONS: Community Focus Fund Grant Application: Judy Kuehn, President & CEO of New Directions, and Donna Anderson, President of Kenna Consulting & Management Group, Inc.

Ms Kuehn explained they want to expand the Monitor Treatment Center, a men's residential and out-patient facility that offers chemical dependency services, by approximately 6,000 square feet on the top floor of the old gymnasium. This additional space will allow them to add 19 beds to bring the total bed count to 43 and reduce the waiting list for admittance. They are applying for a Department of Corrections Community Focus Fund Grant in the amount of \$450,000 and a Federal Home Loan for the match amount.

Commissioner Knochel asked if this grant application will affect Lauramie Township's Community Focus Fund Grant that is already in progress. Grant Coordinator Jessica Rebmann responded that Lauramie Township's project will have to be in the construction phase before New Directions can apply for a second grant. Ms Kuehn and Ms Anderson hope to apply for the grant in the fall but they are aware of that condition.

Ms Anderson explained they are required to hold a public hearing prior to the proposal submittal July 11, 2003 and a second public hearing prior to the application submittal September 5, 2003. She asked the Commissioners to approve a letter authorizing Kenna Consulting & Management Group, Inc. to conduct the necessary public hearings and record the minutes. Ms Anderson further asked the Commissioners to approve a letter naming Kenna Consulting & Management Group, Inc. to represent the Commissioners and to act as consultant in all matters related to the Section 106 environmental review process.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve both letters and authorize the President to sign, seconded by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.
- Commissioner Shedd moved to authorize Kenna Consulting & Management Group, Inc. to perform the necessary environmental review, seconded by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

PROCLAMATION: "Severe Weather Awareness Week"

West Lafayette Mayor Sonya Margerum, Lafayette Mayor Dave Heath, Purdue University representative Carol Shelby, and Commissioners Benson, Shedd, and Knochel joined in reading a Proclamation declaring the week of March 2 – 8, 2003 "Severe Weather Awareness Week". A statewide tornado warning exercise will be held on March 5, 2003 for the purpose of testing communications systems, equipment, and procedures.

Emergency Management Director Steve Wettschurack thanked the participants and reminded all present that we need to continue to be aware of the potential for severe weather. He thanked both Mayors for their support and mentioned that new sirens purchased by the City of Lafayette are scheduled to be installed at Fire Stations # 3 and #9.

JAIL EXPANSION UPDATE: Kettelhut Representative Steve Habben

Mr. Habben reported:

- Construction work on the new pod is being finished this week.
- The Architect will be conducting the final inspection and punch list this week.
- They are waiting on better weather to finish the site work and erect the fence.
- Installation of the security system and video visitation should be finished by the end of March.
- March is a transition month with construction personnel moving out and jail personnel moving in.

Mr. Habben said he will present a final update in April. Because of security concerns, Sheriff Anderson will not host a public open house.

HIGHWAY: Executive Director Mark Albers

ORDINANCE 2003-10-CM: Regulating Traffic Control at Various Locations

Mr. Albers requested approval of Ordinance 2003-10-CM to regulate traffic control with signage for streets accepted into the County Highway system last year.

Attorney Luhman read Ordinance 2003-10-CM that will appear in its entirety in the Ordinance and Resolution Book in the County Auditor's Office.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve Ordinance 2003-10-CM on first reading, seconded by Commissioner Knochel.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote:

KD Benson Yes
Ruth Shedd Yes
John Knochel Yes

- The motion to approve Ordinance 2003-10-CM on first reading passed 3 – 0.
- Commissioner Shedd moved to suspend the rules and allow a vote on second reading the same day as presented, seconded by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.
- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve Ordinance 2003-10-CM on second reading, seconded by Commissioner Knochel.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote:

Ruth Shedd Yes
John Knochel Yes
KD Benson Yes

- The motion to approve Ordinance 2003-10-CM on second and final reading passed 3 – 0.

ORDINANCE 2003-11-CM: Regulates Traffic Control at Intersections of CR 550 E with CR 100 S and CR 550 E with CR 50 S and Stable Drive.

Mr. Albers explained this ordinance deals with temporary 3-way and 4-way signage at the intersections of CR 550 E with CR 100 S and CR 550 E with CR 50 S and Stable Drive pending further study. It will become effective March 28, 2003.

Attorney Luhman read Ordinance 2003-11-CM that will appear in its entirety in the Ordinance and Resolution Book in the County Auditor's Office.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve Ordinance 2003-11-CM on first reading, seconded by Commissioner Knochel.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote:

John Knochel Yes
KD Benson Yes
Ruth Shedd Yes

- The motion to approve Ordinance 2003-11-CM passed 3 – 0 on first reading.
- Commissioner Shedd moved to suspend the rules and allow a vote on second reading the same day as presented, seconded by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.
- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve Ordinance 2003-11-CM on second reading, seconded by Commissioner Knochel.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote:

KD Benson Yes
Ruth Shedd Yes
John Knochel Yes

- The motion to approve Ordinance 2003-11-CM passed 3 – 0.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Bids for Bituminous Materials

Mr. Albers announced bids for Bituminous Materials were advertised to be opened at 10:00 A.M., Monday, April 7, 2003.

WARRANTY DEED: McCarty Lane Project

Mr. Albers submitted for acceptance the following Warranty Deed for Phase 1 of the McCarty Lane Project:

Key #102-01200-0080: Parcel #2:
A part of the NE ¼ of Sec. 35, Twp. 23 N, R 4 W of the second principal

meridian in Fairfield Twp., from Lafayette Bank & Trust Company, Trustee of the C. Maxine Treece Revocable Living Trust.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the Warranty Deed for the McCarty Lane Project, seconded by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE

- ♦ Sentry Select Insurance Company for DeHaai Industrial Sales & Service Inc
- ♦ Indiana for Lafayette Housewrights, Inc. DBA Rule Builders
- ♦ Hastings Mutual Insurance Company for Winford Walker
- ♦ St Paul Fire and Marine Ins Co, Zurich Insurance company for Gradex, Inc
- ♦ Indiana Insurance Company for R. W. Davis Contracting Inc
- ♦ The Cincinnati Insurance for Mid-States General & Mechanical Contracting Corp
- ♦ National Farmers Union Property and Casualty, National Farmers Union Standard Insurance Company for West Point Telephone Company, Inc
- ♦ General Casualty Insurance for Ker-Mor Construction

PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance 2003-12-CM: Petition to Vacate an Alley in Village of Concord: Hatke

Representing the petitioners, Charles and Shelly Hatke, Attorney Kristin Scheuerman requested approval for the vacation of the following public ways in the Village of Concord:

- a. The undeveloped alley on the East Side of Main Street (CR 350 E) between Lot 2 and Lot 3.
- b. Elm Street abutting the Southern Property Line of Lot 21 beginning at Main Street (CR 350 E) and ending at the Eastern Side of lot 28
- c. The alley running between lots 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, and 32 until Main Crop Street.

Ralph Linder, 8507 S 350 S, Laf., said he is going to purchase the Linder property and wondered if the alley between it and the Hatke property will be divided in the middle. He was told it would.

Attorney Luhman read Ordinance 2003-12-CM that will appear in its entirety in the Ordinance and Resolution Book in the County Auditor's Office.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to adopt Ordinance 2003-12-CM in first reading, seconded by Commissioner Knochel.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote:

Ruth Shedd Yes
John Knochel Yes
KD Benson Yes

- The motion to adopt Ordinance 2003-12-CM passed 3 – 0 on first reading.
- Commissioner Shedd moved to suspend the rules and allow a vote on second reading the same day as presented, seconded by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.
- Commissioner Shedd moved to adopt Ordinance 2003-12-CM on second reading, seconded by Commissioner Knochel.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote:

John Knochel Yes
KD Benson Yes
Ruth Shedd Yes

- The motion to approve Ordinance 2003-12-CM on second and final reading passed 3 – 0.

PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance 2003-13-CM: Petition to Vacate a Portion of a Platted Easement in Winding Creek SD: Hawks

Representing the petitioners Bret and DeEtta Hawks, Attorney Matt McQueen requested the vacation of a portion of a utility access drainage easement on lot 7 in Winding Creek Subdivision because their house was inadvertently built on a portion of the easement.

Attorney Luhman read Ordinance 2003-13-CM that will appear in its entirety in the Ordinance and Resolution Book in the County Auditor's Office.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve Ordinance 2003-13-CM on first reading, seconded by Commissioner Knochel.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote:

KD Benson Yes
Ruth Shedd Yes
John Knochel Yes

- The motion to approve Ordinance 2003-13-CM passed 3 – 0 on first reading.
- Commissioner Shedd moved to suspend the rules and allow a vote on second reading the same day as presented, seconded by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.
- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve Ordinance 2003-13-CM on second reading, seconded by Commissioner Knochel.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote:

Ruth Shedd Yes
John Knochel Yes
KD Benson Yes

- The motion to approve Ordinance 2003-13-CM passed 3 – 0 on second and final reading.

ORDINANCE 2003-09-CM: Inmate Medical Co-payment Increase: First Reading 2/3/03

Attorney Luhman explained that since the first reading of this ordinance on February 3rd, Sheriff Anderson requested two changes. One will reflect a 1994 amendment to the Indiana statute that no longer requires that Department of Corrections inmates be exempted from the medical co-payment. The second change will specify the charge for prescription handling at \$7.00 and each other provision of medical services will remain at \$15.00.

Attorney Luhman read amended Ordinance 2003-09-CM that will appear in its entirety in the Ordinance and Resolution Book in the County Auditor's Office.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve Ordinance 2003-09-CM as amended on first reading, seconded by Commissioner Knochel.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote:

John Knochel Yes
KD Benson Yes

Ruth Shedd Yes

- The motion to approve Ordinance 2003-09-CM as amended passed 3 – 0 on first reading.
- Commissioner Shedd moved to suspend the rules and allow a vote on second reading the same day presented, seconded by Commissioner Knochel.
- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve Ordinance 2003-09-CM as amended on second reading, seconded by Commissioner Knochel.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote:

KD Benson Yes
Ruth Shedd Yes
John Knochel Yes

- The motion to approve Ordinance 2003-09-CM as amended passed 3 – 0 on second and final reading.

APPOINTMENTS AFFIRMED: Common Wage Board

- Commissioner Shedd moved to affirm the appointments of Caren Shedd, Roy Meeks, and Tom Murtaugh to the Common Wage Board for CR 430 S reconstruction projects, seconded by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

POOR RELIEF DECISION: Gail Brock vs Fairfield Township Trustee

Commissioner Shedd announced that the Commissioners denied Ms Brock's appeal. She noted that Ms Brock did not submit written Findings to the Commissioners following her hearing. Attorney Luhman explained that Ms Brock was appealing the denial of special medical care assistance from the Trustee but, since she received her medical supplies before the hearing, it was a moot issue.

RADIO UPGRADE PROJECT

Sheriff Anderson announced they expect final proposals from Motorola on March 14, 2003 for an upgrade to the current radio system and repeaters. They are working with Purdue University to bring them onto the 800 Mhz system and to locate an additional tower site on campus to increase transmissions and reception in their buildings. This will give the County dual transmissions from both sites while increasing the coverage area. He said the radio system affects public safety county-wide. All other agency radios in the County will be compatible.

REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

Because of questions that continue to be raised by the State Board of Accounts, President Benson asked the Auditor if the County needs a policy. Auditor Plantenga responded the County needs a Reimbursement Policy with direct guidelines.

REPORTS

Reports from Tippecanoe Villa and the Parks Department are on file in the Commissioners' Office for review.

ADJOURNMENT

- Commissioner Shedd moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE**

KD Benson, President

Ruth E. Shedd, Vice President

John L. Knochel, Member

ATTEST:

Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor